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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 26, 2010 Applicants submit the present remarks in support of patentability. Prior to the filing of this Response, Claims 1-2, 4-25 were pending, with claims 17-25 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-2 and 4-16 are rejected. As presented in the timely-filed Amendment and Response filed on 6 April 2009, Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application. Applicants note that the claim amendments presented here are intended to replace the amendments presented on November 9, 2009.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 and includes an attached set of replacement drawings

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.